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Police Officer's Death

While the funeral of Sub-Inspector Alexander S. Anderson of Mongkok Police Station took place in Happy Valley Cemetery yesterday afternoon three British seamen from the "Arundel Castle" were charged with his manslaughter in Kowloon Court. They are Robert Stanley, aged 26, greaser, whose home is in Liverpool; Frederick Franks, fireman, aged 19, of Worthing; and James Johnstone, fireman, aged 32, of Glasgow.

Sub-Inspector Anderson—40-year-old New Zealander who served 12 years with the Shanghai Police before coming to Hong Kong in October last year—died as a result of a fractured skull while on duty.

In Court, Chief Inspector Charles Mottram who brought the case before Mr. W. H. Latimer, asked for a remand of three days in police custody for further inquiries to be made.

Mr. Anderson had been in charge of Mongkok Police Station for over a year. He was posted here from Shanghai after two years in a concentration camp and was one of the first three inspectors to be drafted to Hong Kong from the Shanghai force.

At one time he was in charge of the mounted police detachment in Shanghai and his main hobby was the care and training of horses.

In Happy Valley cemetery yesterday Hong Kong's Police Commissioner, Mr. Macintosh, and several police officers attended the funeral and there were many floral tributes.

Death Of W.C. Fields

Pasadena, Dec. 26. America's stage and film communities from Broadway to Hollywood today mourned the passing of W. C. Fields, well-beloved comedian, who died here on Christmas Day at the age of 67. He had been in a sanatorium for more than a year.

Fields ran away from home at the age of eleven with ambitions to act. After selling newspapers for four years he made his first stage appearance at an Atlantic City beer-garden as a juggler.

The most famous of his roles was that of Mr. Mcawber in the film version of "David Copperfield"—Reuter.

Westend Search For Alleged Murderer

London, Dec. 25. Dozens of detectives spent Christmas Day combing London's West End in search for a white man aged about 33, who late on Christmas Eve is alleged to have shot and killed a coloured aircraftman from Jamaica, Aloysious Abbott, aged about 22, outside the door of a cafe.

A waitress at the cafe said that she was serving coloured customers when one of two white men who had entered subsequently became impatient and grabbed hold of her and struck her a heavy blow in the face.

The white man was seized by two coloured men; declared the waitress, who added that she struck him over the head with a plate after which the coloured man took him to the door and told him he had better go.

The waitress said that there was a shout and she looked up and saw a white man standing in the road with a gun in his hand. There were about three shots and everybody ran. She saw Abbott lying on the pavement, the waitress added, and when he was brought in he was dead.

FIGHTING IN INDO-CHINA

French Repulse Viet Nam Counter-Attacks

Heavy Battles In North

Paris, Dec. 27. French troops have turned back violent counter-attacks by Viet Nam forces at many points in the Northern Indo-China battle area, a communiqué of the French High Command in Saigon received here today announced.

In the port of Haiphong, French forces were attempting to dislodge Viet Nam troops from the centre of the city where, the communiqué said, they were putting up strong resistance. Across the Gulf of Tonkin, at Hongay, the communiqué reported a strong Annamite attack against a French guard post which was pushed back following the arrival of French reinforcements.

Dairen Incident Statement

Shanghai, Dec. 27. William H. Newton, U.S. newspaperman who represented the combined American press on a recent U.S. Navy ship courier trips to Dairen during which he, an American pool photographer and an oil company man were refused permission to land, took issue today with the United States State Department.

In a dispatch dated Shanghai Dec. 22, Newton said "the announcement by the State Department 'spokesman' in Washington that a United States Navy courier ship at Dairen was not given a Soviet ultimatum to get out will come as a distinct surprise to United States Navy officials and others who were aboard the vessel when the incident took place."

The senior Navy officer aboard the ship, Commander Edgar L. Yates, reported to Admiral Charles M. Cooke, Jr., Seventh fleet commander, in this correspondent's presence that an ultimatum had been given by the Soviet military officials "to leave within 20 minutes or we will not be responsible for the consequences."

Admiral Cooke cabled the Navy Department and referred to the report of the incident which had been released to the combined world press stating the report was "factually correct."—Associated Press.

London, Dec. 24. A single-engined British aircraft flying from Paris to Lymington, Kent, crashed tonight just after crossing the English coast near Dungeness Point. The pilot escaped.—Reuter.

Unusual Xmas Day Casualty

Durban, Dec. 26. An ex-serviceman who lost both legs in the war was one of the Union of South Africa's most unusual Christmas Day casualties.

Crawling on his hands and knees on the veranda of his home, he was propelling himself backwards into the house when he put his hands on a light switch, which lit him three times.

Despite immediate medical attention he died within half an hour.—Reuter.

HOUNDS HUNT GEM THIEVES

Jerusalem, Dec. 26. Diamond plants at Tel-Aviv and Netanya were robbed of U.S. \$138,000 in gems and cash today as pamphlets circulated publicly said that the Iron Zval Leumi had made the "rude to secure funds for the organization."

The robbery apparently marked the renewal of underground activity after the Christmas recess. Bloodhounds were used in an effort to trail the robbers.—United Press.

FRIGATE TOTAL LOSS

Singapore, Dec. 26. The British Navy frigate "Aire," on the way to Singapore from Hong Kong, grounded on Bomboi Reef, off Hainan Island early on Dec. 23 and is now considered a total loss.

The Naval Auxiliary Donkey, also on the way from Hong Kong to Singapore, stood by the frigate for some time, but after the decision that the "Aire" was unsalvageable, she was abandoned after all members of the crew—officers and 80 men—had been transferred to the "Hansaventure," which is expected to reach Singapore tomorrow.—Reuter.

Mystery Woman Arrested

Paris, Dec. 27. Paris police officials refused to comment today on the arrest at Nice of Countess Marga d'Andurain on a gold smuggling charge.

It had been expected that she would be brought to Paris yesterday but it was announced this morning that this had not yet been done.

The Countess, former friend of Lawrence of Arabia, is regarded as a mystery woman in Europe and the Near East. She worked in the French Intelligence Service in the Near East.

The Countess was sentenced to death by staying in Arabia after the mysterious death of Soleiman, a Wahabit chief, who was her second husband. She was freed by command of King Ibn Saud.

Frau Reitsch lived in an air raid shelter in the Reichsbanner with Hitler and other Nazi leaders. She described his dwindling hopes and the suicide pact he made with Eva Braun, Dr. Joseph Goebbels and the few faithful followers who remained with him. She quotes Hitler as saying: "Hermann Goerring has betrayed and deserted both me and his fatherland."

Drama In Channel

London, Dec. 27. A French plane reported by radio early today that it had crashed and was "in grave danger of sinking" as RAF air-sea rescue service and South Coast lifeboats sped to its rescue 20 miles off Devonshire in the English Channel.

First reports said the plane was a passenger liner but the French news agency later reported from Paris that it was a military aircraft.

The plane, radioed an SOS at 1 a.m. GMT, giving its position at 12° to 20° miles off Start Point, midway between Torquay and Plymouth, on the Devon coast. An hour later a second radio message said the plane still was afloat but was in grave danger of sinking.

Before daylight, reports received in London from Le Bourget airfield, Paris, where the radio messages were picked up, said the plane's signals were fading and all that was known was its position. It was not known how many persons were aboard.

Lifeboats from Salcombe and Brighthelm were despatched as soon as the first message was received, and the RAF put its air-sea rescue service, close liaison between searching aircraft and surface launches which saved hundreds of crashed airmen from the English Channel during the war—into operation immediately. The Air Ministry reported at 10 a.m. that until that time no wreckage or survivors had been found.—United Press.

Adrift On An Ice Floe

Montreal, Dec. 26. United States Army Air Corps planes today started dropping rescue boats to three men who have been adrift on ice floes in St. Lawrence River since their aircraft was forced down in the river two days ago.

The pilot and two of the passengers were picked up suffering from exposure and frozen feet from a dinghy last night by an amphibian plane.

Darkness prevented the rescue of the others last night and today there were too many ice floes for planes to land.

The seventh occupant of the plane was sighted safe on an ice floe.—Reuter.

The Last Days Of Adolf Hitler

Washington, Dec. 25. Adolf Hitler ordered his few remaining associates in the last moments of his shattered regime to commit suicide, but only after making airtight preparations for the destruction of their own bodies.

This was disclosed in an eye-witness account, released by the War Department, which relates that Hitler spent his last days in a Berlin air raid shelter as a broken man, betrayed by most of his followers and hunted as a war criminal.

The document is the story of Hanna Reitsch, a German test pilot. It is part of a series, "Nazi Conspiracy and Aggression," published by Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson, chief United States counsel for prosecution of Axis war criminals.

Frau Reitsch lived in an air raid shelter in the Reichsbanner with Hitler and other Nazi leaders. She described his dwindling hopes and the suicide pact he made with Eva Braun, Dr. Joseph Goebbels and the few faithful followers who remained with him. She quotes Hitler as saying: "Hermann Goerring has betrayed and deserted both me and his fatherland."

"Behind my back he has established connections with the enemy. And against my orders he has gone to save himself at Berchtesgaden."

Frau Reitsch said Hitler barked her a poison vial and said, "Hanna, you belong to those who will die with me. Each of us has a vial of poison such as this."

He then told her he did not want any member of the party to fall to the Russians alive. Nor did he want any of their bodies to be found. He made each responsible for destroying his own body.

Frau Reitsch's account says Frau Goebbels asked her to help with the slaying of the six Goebbels children "if I become weak." It is her belief that at the last moment Frau Goebbels "was not weak."

Hitler near the last ordered her and a General Greim to leave the shelter and go in search of air support for Berlin. She was captured by the Allies while on this mission.

Mr. Jackson's series also includes a documentary account of Hitler's chauffeur, Erich Kempf, of how he helped to burn Hitler's body and that of Eva Braun after they committed suicide.—United Press.

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More H.K. Returnees Arriving

The ss. "Nelloré" and ss. "Empress of Scotland" carrying passengers for Hong Kong are expected to berth early in January.

Persons resident here who have relatives and/or friends on the passenger lists and who have made private arrangements for their accommodation are specially requested to advise Mr. P. F. J. Barclay, at Room 236B, Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building, Telephone 99211, of the names and addresses of those passengers.

It is very strongly recommended that where private accommodation can be arranged for the expected arrivals, this should be done. Suitable hotel and boarding house accommodation is at saturation point.

Owners of private transport who wish to meet passengers should apply to the above office for a card to admit vehicles to the reserved parking space near the pier.

Monty Cal. Of Royal Warwicks

London, Dec. 26. Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery of Alamein has been appointed Colonel of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment in succession to Colonel C. T. Tomes, who retires on Jan. 1, 1947.

Marshal Montgomery is also Colonel Commandant of the Parachute Regiment, Royal Tank Regiment and Army Physical Training Corps.—Reuter.

Beaverbrook In Hospital

Miami Beach, Dec. 26. Lord Beaverbrook, proprietor of the "Daily Express," has been flown from Nassau in the Bahamas to enter St. Francis Hospital here.

Lord Beaverbrook is suffering from a chest ailment, according to his doctor. Lord Beaverbrook, formerly William Maxwell Aitken, was born in Canada in 1879 and during the war was Minister of Aircraft Production and Minister of

Supply in the British Government.

Lord Beaverbrook arrived at St. Andrews, New Brunswick, on Oct. 2 for his annual holiday, which was expected to last only one month.—Reuter.

Brighter News For British Workman

London, Dec. 24. There was brighter news today for the British people regarding the threat to undertakings caused by shortage of fuel when the nation was told that as a result of hundreds of tons of coal being rushed to Austin motor factory at Birmingham, the notice issued a few days ago that the factory would close after Christmas had now been cancelled.

Coal has also been delivered to the Ministry of Fuel's instructions to the foundry of Leyland Motors at Farnington, near Preston, which has been closed through lack of fuel. It is uncertain whether the foundry will be able to reopen before Jan. 2.

The same uncertainty applies to three Blackburn cotton mills which stopped today and to others which have announced they will be unable to resume work after the holiday, unless coal is delivered.

Mr. J. Gardner, General Secretary of the Foundry Workers' Union, who telegraphed

COMMONS TEST FOR BEVIN

London, Dec. 26. Parliament's forthcoming two-day foreign affairs debate—expected towards the end of January, with the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, as the leading speaker—will test the quality of the recent Labour Party revolt in which 100 of the Government's supporters abstained from voting confidence in the foreign policy.

An inquest on the revolt held within the ranks of the Parliamentary Party afterwards suggested that the rebellion is still alive although it may be that some of the ring-leaders have been a little shaken by their own original audacity.

Political quarters are awaiting with interest the effect on the situation of Mr. Bevin's return from New York. It is no secret that the Foreign Secretary, whom many consider has added to his stature immeasurably through the successful United Nations meeting, reacted sternly to the conclusion within the party at the moment when the British Government desired his work in America to have the maximum authority behind it.

Neither the Labour party nor the Government under-estimated the revolt even if there was no restoration of mass discipline or an example made of the rebels.

Resentment continues to be displayed by sections of Mr. Bevin's solid following and notably by trade union members of Parliament at what they consider the harm certain "intellectuals"—to some the word that has the same connotation as "rebels"—are capable of doing to party unity.

Spotlight On Germany. Broadly the position is that the majority of the Labour party and the Opposition too, are staunchly with Mr. Bevin's policy. But the dissidents, possibly up to 100 in the Labour Party's 600 members, have a variety of criticisms. A number characterise Britain's foreign policy as outward dated, conceived in expectation of some future war instead of future peace.

Others have merely sectional misgivings on subjects such as Spain, Greece and the Balkans. The spotlight of the criticisms may, however, switch mainly to Germany, on which many Labour members wish to see prompt action with regard to the formulation of a long-term policy.—Reuter.

Support For Bevin. London, Dec. 26. A spokesman for the Spothorne Divisional Labour Party said today that 10 other divisional labour parties have pledged their support to its campaign against Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin's "be tough with Russia" foreign policy.

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Gen. Dempsey Retires

London, Dec. 26. General Sir Miles Dempsey, Commander-in-Chief, Middle East, is to retire at his own request from July 1, 1947, to take up a civil appointment, the War Office announced today.

He has accepted the Home Secretary's invitation to become Chairman of the Racecourse Betting Control Board.

In August 1945, General Dempsey followed General Slim in Command of the 14th Army in the Far East and in November the same year he succeeded the same officer as Commander, Allied Land Forces, South-east Asia. Last June he was appointed Commander-in-Chief, Middle East.

General Dempsey will be succeeded by Lieutenant-General Sir John Crocker. General Crocker commanded the First Corps throughout the North African Campaign. He was wounded during the final victorious phase in Tunisia. He recovered in time to lead the First Corps again in the invasion of Western Europe. A month after the defeat of Germany he became General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Command.—Reuter.

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THE WEATHER

A strong anticyclone covers the whole of China and the neighbouring seas. It is extending southward and eastward. A deep depression covers Hokkaido. It is moving northeastward. From a trough in which lies a series of depressions, extends south and southwestward. Pressure remains relatively low over the southern region.

Today's Forecast:—Moderate or fresh NE winds onshore; fresh or strong NE winds offshore. Cloudy overnight, clearing during the day.

Yesterday's weather:—Maximum 44° F. Min. 34° F. Rainfall: Nil.

ASSAULT SUMMONS

Story Of Party At Knight Street

Asked why she had left 4, Knight Street, at 3.30 a.m. to return to her restaurant at 1 Middle Road, leaving two sergeants from the medical staff of the "Otranto" to sleep in her flat, Mrs. Bertha Pears told the Magistrate at Kowloon Court yesterday that she had run out of tea, milk and sugar and was going to fetch some for the sergeants' breakfast.

Mrs. Pears was giving evidence against Richard William Dedear on a summons for assault. When the hearing continued yesterday morning, Mr. Horace Lo said he understood that Dedear had closed his case against Mrs. Pears, whom he also summoned on a charge of assault, and he would hear Mrs. Pears' case.

Dedear became a tenant of hers at 4 Knight Street, in July, Mrs. Pears said. Rent was agreed on at \$300 a month. There were two other tenants at the time. As a result of a dispute about the rent, she commenced eviction proceedings against Dedear before the Tenancy Tribunal.

Beside the dispute with Dedear, she had a dispute also with Miss P. A. M. Harrop over her tenancy of three rooms and the rent fixed. In respect of Miss Harrop, she had a further complaint which resulted in her visiting the Provost Marshal's Office, in Hong Kong about Captain Davidson. She had made a verbal complaint, not a written one, to the Provost Marshal.

This complaint had been made before the night of the alleged assault. A second complaint relating to the same matter was made after the incident that led to the summons. On the occasion of the second complaint, the Military Police arrived and she had gone with Dedear, Miss Harrop and Capt. Davidson to Military Police Headquarters.

Mr. da Silva: "On the night of the alleged assault you came in around 1.30 a.m."

Party In House

"I came from my restaurant, which closed about midnight, with my waitress and two sergeants from the medical staff of the "Otranto". One of them I had met in England before the war and the other was his friend. We went home for a farewell party. It was my first party in the house. One of my tenants, Mr. Ware, joined us. He left about five minutes before the assault. We had several drinks.

"I was dancing with my friend the Sergeant whom I knew in England when Dedear came in and said, 'Isn't it about time you finished this bloody party?' I replied: 'You have no right to ask me to get out of my own home! If any one should get out it's you who haven't paid me any rent for four months!'

"He got hold of my wrists very firmly and pushed me against the wall. I said: 'Let go. If you don't, anything I will do will be in self-defence.' I kicked him three times on the shin and he let go. I then went down to try to telephone the police. On my way down I passed Miss Harrop and Mrs. Dedear standing at Miss Harrop's bedroom door."

Reported To Police

Mr. da Silva: "Is it true as Dedear suggested that two men dragged you forcibly upstairs by the wrists?"

Where did the two Sergeants sleep that night?—One of them slept in the basement and the other in the room where the party took place.

Why did they not return to the ship?—It was too late and there were no taxis.

Where did you and the waitress sleep that night?—We returned to my restaurant in a taxi. There was no tea or milk or sugar in the house for breakfast in the morning. I slept that night in the restaurant.

It has been suggested you were sleeping with one of the Sergeants in the room where the party was. Is that true?—No.

You returned in the early morning to prepare breakfast?—Yes. I reported to the police. I saw Insp. Cutler and I showed him the bruises on my wrist and arm and on my elbow and knee where I had fallen to the floor and on my shin near the ankle.

Questions By Dedear

Cross-examined by Dedear, Mrs. Pears said that she remembered an occasion when she had come into his room.

You asked for higher rent. Who was there?—Mrs. Dedear, Capt. Davidson and myself. I asked you for the rent, not for higher rent.

Did you lose your temper that day?—I said that I was ill and that I needed the money.

You picked up a water-bottle and tried to hit Capt. Davidson?—No. I remember you trying to push me out and Capt. Davidson telling you not to touch me.

Do you remember saying that you did not stay in the house on the night of Oct. 17?—Yes. So what?

What time did you come back in the morning?—About 8.30 a.m. Mr. Horace Lo: You say that the version of what happened given by Miss Harrop and Mrs. Dedear is untrue?—The whole story is untrue.

The whole story is a perjury then?—Yes. All my furniture is in rags. Why should they make themselves comfortable at my expense? I am losing a fortune on these people!

"I Talked You"

The next witness called was Miss Chan Lai-King, who said she was a waitress employed in Mrs. Pears' restaurant. Miss Chan said that she thought at first that Dedear was dancing with Mrs. Pears. She then realised that they were fighting and intervened, saying: "One year, one dancing party. Do not make trouble." Dedear went down to the telephone and everyone followed him, Miss Chan said. Then she saw him on the floor with Mrs. Pears and they were kicking one another.

Replying to Mr. da Silva, witness said that Mrs. Pears was not dragged upstairs. After the trouble, Mrs. Pears had suggested to the soldiers that they remain the night and she returned with Mrs. Pears to Middle Road.

Mr. Lo: It must have been rather inconvenient going back all the way to Middle Road from

CHINA'S NEW CONSTITUTION

Nanking, Dec. 27.

The 40-day National Assembly came to an end yesterday with the passing unanimously by the 1,488 members present, of the third and final reading of the People's Political Council draft constitution.

The 20-year Kuomintang tutelage period will be replaced by constitutional government next Christmas.

—Our Own Correspondent.

Kowloon Tong so late at night?—Had there been no trouble we would have stayed the night.

Dedear: How many soldiers were there?—Two.

Did you have a lot to drink?—I had been drinking.

Drinking a lot?—Yeah, I talked you.

Hearing is to continue this morning.

Correspondence

Cinema Tickets

Str.—Hearing that the ticket sellers at a certain Theatre are co-operating with the profiteers selling the tickets in black market, I went to this theatre yesterday to see the trick and found that the doors were opened for selling tickets at noon. After selling only about 10 tickets for bad seats for the Show of 2.30 p.m., the sellers announced to the large crowd who had waited there for a long time that the tickets for 2.30 p.m. show were sold out.

From the above I understand that the ticket-sellers have a practice of reserving tickets (especially those for the front stalls) for the profiteers in black market giving the people no chance to buy the tickets the proper way.

VERY TRUE.

In Brief

News from Melbourne states that Miss Mollie Terry, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Terry, was "Dux" and Captain of the School for 1946. Mollie, who matriculates this year, has attended "Shelford" C. E. G. School, since arriving in Australia in 1940.

Convicted of armed robbery, Tse Kwai, 29, was sentenced to eight years' hard labour and 10 strokes of the cane by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams, Puisne Judge, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday. Armed with revolvers and daggers, accused and two others robbed the inmates of 40 Circular Pathway at 3 p.m. on Nov. 9 of nearly \$1,500.

The forthcoming marriages are announced of G. C. Bhungara, third engineer of Butterfield & Swire, and Miss Elaine Wong, of 7 Thomson Road, and C. S. I. Wong Shui-cheung, Water Police, and Miss Lo Lai-har, nurse, of 466 Hennessy Road.

Air Vice-Marshal H. H. The Maharajah of Jodhpur entertained about 400 guests at a party at the Ros Room, Peninsula Hotel, on Boxing Night, lasting until the early hours of the morning. The Maharajah and his brother, Sir Ajit Singh, received the guests, amongst whom were leading Service and civilian residents of the Colony.

NEW FAR EAST RICE PACT

Bangkok, Dec. 26.

The tripartite rice agreement signed last May by Britain, the United States and Siam, has been extended to August 31, 1947 by a memorandum signed here on Christmas Eve.

Under this agreement 1,200,000 tons of Siamese rice were to be delivered by May 1947 to the deficit areas in the Far East Siam is to deliver by August 31, a balance of 600,000 tons of rice under the memorandum, which also provides for the bonus payment of \$4 for a ton, in sterling or dollar currency, towards helping the local price levels to remain at a ceiling level.

It was reported last month there was insufficient transport for full shipments of Siamese rice to the famine threatened areas.—Reuter.

Maryknoll In America

Boston, Dec. 27.

The Roman Catholic missionary order, the Maryknoll Sisters, whose field of operations is traditionally China and Japan, has turned its attention to Orientals in the United States with a centre to be opened in Boston's Chinatown.

The Sisters, who speak the native tongues fluently, teach the children English, while other children learn the history of their new country.

The Superior at the Boston Centre, Sister Mary Theresa, was formerly stationed in Kowloon, Hong Kong.

There are 3,000 Chinese in the Boston vicinity.—United Press.

What are probably the only vest pocket diaries sent out to Hong Kong this year are being distributed by Messrs. Caldwell, Macgregor and Co. on behalf of Messrs. L. Rose and Co., Ltd., London, makers of Rose's Lime Juice.

THE HONG KONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Offices, Queen's Building, on Tuesday, 31st December, 1946, at NOON for the purpose of confirming the appointment of the Board of Directors and receiving their Report together with Statements of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1946, and for the period 1st January, 1947 to 31st December, 1947.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
H. DA LUZ,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th Dec., 1946.

NOTICE

Dr. M. Nicolson, at present residing at the Peninsula Hotel and formerly practising in Alexandra Building is now in practice with Drs. Kirk, Lee & Vio, Exchange Building, 3rd floor, telephone No. 33973.

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY LIMITED

NOTICE

As from 1st JANUARY, 1947, the following SCALE OF FARES will be effective.

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1st Class MAY ROAD 40 cents

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Workmen & Servants—Full Distance 25 cents

Workmen & Servants—MAY ROAD 15 cents

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of Henry Ellis late of Shanghai in the Republic of China, Chinese Government Employee, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 14th day of January, 1947.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 19th day of December, 1946.

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER,

Solicitors for the Administratrix of the Estate of the abovesaid deceased.

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NOTICE TO MARINERS

No. 69 of 1946

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At the present time weather observations from ships and land stations are quite inadequate for satisfactory forecasting in the areas covered by the Royal Observatory.

While there is little hope of any appreciable increase in the number of land stations for some considerable time, the number of observations from ships could be increased immediately. In an area like the Western Pacific and the Asiatic Seas a close network of ships' observations would be of the utmost value, especially since the occurrence and danger to navigation of typhoons bulks so largely in the consideration of Weather services here.

It is earnestly requested therefore that all ships' commanders who have the facilities will transmit regular reports to the Royal Observatory. The details of such transmissions are set down in full in "Notice to Mariners" S.69 of the Government Gazette, copies of which have been widely circulated for several months. Extra copies of the notice are immediately obtainable from the Royal Observatory on request.

Changes in the division of the region covered by the Royal Observatory into separate forecast areas for shipping are under consideration, and in order best to serve the shipping community, commanders' comments on the proposed areas will be welcomed. Comments and suggestions on any aspect of the weather service for shipping will be appreciated, but it is of first importance at the moment that Ships' commanders realise that satisfactory forecasting must inevitably rest upon adequate and regular transmission of weather observations.

Whenever difficulties or questions on the meteorological services arises, representatives of ships' and shipping companies are always welcome at the Royal Observatory.

J. JOLLY,
Harbour Master.

HARBOUR DEPARTMENT,
Hong Kong, 24th Dec., 1946.

BRITISH UNIVERSITIES SELECTION COMMITTEE

HONG KONG

All those wishing to enter Universities in the United Kingdom should apply now to the Director of Education for the necessary form of application. Application forms for admission to Oxford or Cambridge must be returned not later than 31st December, 1946, for other Universities not later than 15th January, 1947.

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K. J. ATTWELL,
Secretary to the Committee.
Hong Kong, 24th Dec., 1946.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Register of Members was lost or destroyed during the Japanese occupation of the Colony. In order to reconstruct the Register and to protect their interests shareholders are required to furnish the Company as soon as possible with the information called for in a circular dated 27th December, 1945 sent by post to all shareholders whose names appeared on the Register at 25th June 1941, the date of the Ordinary General Meeting in 1941.

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D. L. PROPHET,
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifty-seventh Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company (since registration) will be held at The Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 30th December, 1946, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of confirming the appointment of the Board of Directors, to receive the Report of the General Managers together with Statements of Accounts for the periods 1st November, 1940 to 31st December, 1941 and from 1st January, 1942 to 31st August, 1946 also to elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 20th Dec., 1946.

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NEW YEAR HOPE

In words appropriate to the season, Mr. Bevin, in his cve of Christmas broadcast on the United Nations conference said: "I believe we have entered the first stage of establishing concord and harmony." His outline of the results justifiably arouse optimism, and we can all echo the hope that the New Year will see the successes of New York carried further in Moscow. The closing proceedings of the United Nations encourage hope, for in the course of eight weeks more was accomplished, and there was a nearer approach to agreement, than in all the previous conferences. Most important of all is the passing of the resolution providing for a world-wide reduction of armaments. Though the general sentiment has still to be overcome, if possible, in the Security Council, something of the earlier mistrust has been allayed. The veto remains, but with a very clear expression of view from the Assembly that it cannot apply to disarmament if there is to be confidence among the nations. A Trusteeship Council for mandated territories has been created, accompanied by a decision adverse to the inclusion of South-West Africa in the territories of the Union. With enthusiasm which many still feel may have outrun discretion, a resolution for the recall of Ambassadors from Spain has been accepted and the British Government have already acted upon it.

These considerable labours was crowded into the later days of the Assembly. Advance was slower than a world thirsting for an assurance of peace desired but progress was made. Here, not a little has been due to the manifestation of a more complacent temper from the side of the Russian delegates; much to the ingenuity of M. Spaak in discovering the formulae of compromise. Russian reluctance to place all the cards on the table in relation to the strength of forces may be modified by the frank revelation on the part of Mr. Byrnes and Mr. Bevin. Of the tremendous reductions in their armies already made by the United States and Great Britain. Neither, as Mr. Bevin said, has any secrets to keep. The corollary is that there must be no concealment elsewhere. If, as M. Molotov observed, the military budgets "are inflated beyond all proportion by certain States," the United Nations have the stronger case for that full inspection and control which alone can remove suspicions. In this field none of the greater nations can risk unilateral action as in the past. The lesson has been too bitter. Satisfaction as was the progress made in New York, most of the larger problems of peace have still to be approached. The treaty to settle the future of Germany and the many perplexities that hang upon that settlement is yet to be drafted. In leaving America, M. Molotov said he was confident that the meetings in Moscow would be as successful as those in New York. Mr. Bevin obviously is preparing for Moscow with a keen sense of the real possibility of an even larger measure of success. While in New York the Council of Ministers completed the treaties with Italy, Rumania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Finland, and these only await signature in Paris in February. In the Council, as in the United Nations Assembly, the clash of ideas has been softened. If, the same willingness to compromise is shown when the Ministers of the Powers meet in Moscow, it may be that the sun of peace, which Mr. Bevin sees rising, will illuminate a rosier dawn.

New York, Dec. 23. Baron Robert de Rothechild, aged 66, who until his retirement as a partner of Rothschild Freres of Paris shared the leadership of the famous banking house with his cousin Baron Edmond de Rothechild, died at Lausanne, Switzerland, yesterday at Lausanne, Switzerland. Associated Press.

CHINA'S NEW CONSTITUTION

The Highlights of China's new Constitution, adopted by the National Assembly on Christmas Day are summarized in the following special article by Dr. Wang Chung-hui, eminent jurist and Secretary-General of the Supreme National Defence Council.

China's Constitution has been brought into being after more than ten years of postponement. The original draft was officially published on May 5, 1936. The convocation of a National Assembly for its deliberation and adoption had been, by force of circumstances, postponed more than once until after the victorious conclusion of the war.

In the early part of this year there took place a Political Consultation Conference, in which representatives of all political parties including the Communist Party and non-party social leaders participated. A certain number of "principles to amend the

By Dr. WANG CHUNG-HUI

constitutional draft" were agreed upon. The Government draft that was presented to the National Assembly on November 28 was the original draft, as revised in accordance with these principles.

In the Assembly there was long and at times heated discussion. In spite of compromises and concessions the main points reached at the Political Consultation Conference have been embodied in the Constitution.

This organic law has one unique feature. It is essentially based on the fundamental political teachings of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, namely the Three People's Principles and the Five Power System of Government.

Dr. Sun taught that in order to have an effective control over the Government, the people should possess four political rights: that is, election, recall, initiative and referendum. In local self-government, these rights are to be exercised directly by the people and in the Central Government indirectly through a National Assembly.

Five Power

As to the Five Power System of Government, there should be, besides the executive, legislative and judicial powers, two additional ones namely the power of examination and the power of control. Roughly, examination refers to a system of open competitive examination for the holding of public offices, and control refers to a system of impeachment of and supervision over public functionaries.

The point to be emphasized is that these two powers should be equal with the three. In other words, there should be five branches of the Government independent although co-ordinated with each other.

The salient features of the Constitution may be briefly summarized as follows: One, equality of all persons. All racial groups are declared to be equal. All persons, irrespective of sex, religion, race, class or party affiliation are equal before the law. There is to be universal suffrage and secret ballot. Men and women attaining the age of 20 have the right to vote. It is worth noting in this connection that in order to assure woman presentation in the National Assembly and the Legislative Yuan, a minimum number of seats to be reserved by law, is allotted to women.

Two, Guarantee of personal liberties and rights. Practically, all personal liberties and rights that can be found in a modern Bill of Rights, including a Habeas Corpus provision, are guaranteed. In addition, the responsibility of the State for the illegal acts of public officers is recognized.

Supreme Organ

Three, The National Assembly is the Supreme Organ of the people. Its members are elected mainly on the basis of territorial and professional representation. They serve for a term of six years, subject to reelection.

The National Assembly elects the President and the Vice-President of the Republic and it may recall them. It has the power to amend the Constitution. Eventually, it may, in accordance with its own rules of procedure, exercise the rights of initiative and referendum regarding national legislation. Four, the President is elected for six years and is re-eligible only for a second term. He appoints the President of the Executive Yuan with the consent of the Legislative Yuan. Upon the Premier's recommendation, he appoints ministers with or without portfolio. Generally speaking, the President has the powers and functions that usually belong to the Chief Executive of a Republic.

The Premier

The Executive Yuan is composed of a Premier, a Deputy Premier, heads of different ministries and commissions and a certain number of ministers without portfolio.

The Legislative Yuan is unicameral. Its members are elected mainly on the basis of territorial and professional representation with three-year terms, re-eligible and subject to recall.

The Judicial Yuan is the highest Court of justice. Its President and judges are appointed by the President with the consent of the Control Yuan.

The Examination Yuan has charge of examinations for the civil service and other related matters. Its members are appointed by the President with the consent of the Control Yuan. As to the Control Yuan, its main functions are impeachment of and supervision over public functionaries, auditing and approval of the appointment of certain high officials. Members of this Yuan are elected by Provincial Assemblies for a term of six years.

Executive and Legislative

Six, Relationship between the Executive and the Legislative Yuan. The Executive Yuan is responsible to the Legislative Yuan in the following manner. In case of a difference of opinion concerning questions of major policy, legislation, the budget or the conclusion of treaties, the Executive Yuan may, with the approval of the President of the Republic, vote a resolution or to resign. Abiding by a two-thirds vote overriding a veto is one of the characteristics of the presidential system. In a word, this is a mixed system of Government.

Seven, Division of Powers between the Central and Provincial Governments. The powers of both the Central and the Provincial Governments are enumerated. As to unenumerated matters, they belong to the Central Government. Provincial Government according as they are or are not national in character, and in case of dispute, the Legislative Yuan determines where the power shall reside.

Eight, Local Self-government. The province and the district are respectively the large and small units of local self-government. In each, there is to be a popular Assembly. The provincial governor as well as the district magistrate are to be elected by the people of the province or district. In the district government, the people may exercise the rights of election, recall, initiative and referendum. These and other self-government provisions are to be put into practice in accordance with the "general principles of provincial and district self-government" to be determined by law.

National Policy

Nine, Fundamental national policies. There is a special chapter on fundamental national policies, divided into six sections, namely national defence, foreign relations, national economy, social security, education and culture and border regions. The maintenance of national security and world peace is to be the objective of national defence, and the observance of treaty obligations with the United Nations Charter is expressly provided for.

Other fundamental policies include equitable distribution of land and control of capital, protection and limitation of private property, taxation, management of public utilities and other enterprises of a monopolistic nature, a minimum percentage of national and local budgets for educational, cultural and scientific purposes, opportunity of employment for persons capable of work, special protection of woman and child labour, establishment of a social insurance system and so forth.

Ten, Interpretation of the Constitution. The power to interpret the constitution resides with the Judicial Yuan. Any law, whether national or local, may be declared unconstitutional by the Judicial Yuan.

The Constitution will be promulgated on January 1, 1947, and will become effective on December 25, 1947.

Interim Measures

Certain interim measures for the inauguration of a constitutional government has been adopted by a resolution of the Assembly.

A word may be said by way of conclusion. True, the Constitution is not considered entirely satisfactory by any one party or group of persons who participated in its making; but it is because of this very fact that it proves to be acceptable to all. It is a unique democratic constitution of the most modern type. It lays no claim to be a perfect instrument. There may be room for improvement in the drafting of some of its Articles. But after all, the smooth working of this Constitution depends entirely upon the democratic spirit in which the Government and the people put it into practice.

The Inter-ocean Steamship Company, agents for the Salen Line, today announced the entry of "Skauho" into the Salen Line Pacific Orient service, bringing a total of five ships.

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CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"I understand this is a bridge fight— they both claim it's their turn to win!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

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USED AGAINST YOU

"WHATEVER you say may be used against you" is a warning to which alleged legal offenders are considered entitled. It applies in the same way against anyone who gives information to his bridge partner by means of a bid, double, play or lead. One fact almost universally proclaimed by an informally double of a major suit is that the doubler has adequate support for the other major, usually as many as four cards of it. If an opponent becomes the declarer, he gets a chance to profit from that knowledge.

S Q J 7
H J 8 6
D Q J 7
C 10 9 7 3
S 3
H 10 9 7
D A 4 2
C K Q J 8 4
S A K 10 9 8
H A K 6 2
D K 10
C 6 2

(Dealer: East. North-South vulnerable.)
East South West North
Pass Pass Pass Pass
2D Pass 3C Pass
Pass 3H Pass 3S
Pass 4S

Unusual bidding—South's pass on his second turn, hoping West would bid hearts, then bidding the suit himself, the next time and finally getting into the game contract which he had risked missing. But there was nothing lacking in his play.

The defenders got the first three tricks with the club K, the 8 to the A, and the diamond 5 to

the K and A, whereupon West returned the club J, which was ruffed with the spade 6 after East discarded a diamond.

South during this time had built a real plan. Counting West for four hearts including the Q, because of the double, he planned a squeeze between that suit and clubs in order to shut out the contract-setting trick. It was a squeeze from the dummy, by means of a diamond lead. The fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth tricks were spades to take out East's four, followed by a lead to the diamond Q. Then the diamond 4 cut the pinches on West.

Tomorrow's Problem

S 3 2
H K Q J 7
D K J 8 6 4
C J 3
S K J 0
H 8 5
D A Q 10 9 7
C 10 8 7
S A Q 10 8 6
H 3
D 2 2
C A K 9 6

(Dealer: South. Neither side vulnerable.)
After South bids 1-Spade, West 2-Diamonds, North doubles and East rescues with 2-Hearts, what should South do?

BY THE WAY

By BEACHCOMBER

How to knit with porridge. Wool being scarce, cook a saucepan of porridge until it is black.

Then leave it to cool, and break it up by pouring water over it. Plunge your needles into the soggy mass, and knit on the Fulford system. The result may well be one of those shapeless mackintoshes useful for work in a roofless house.

All This And Bevan Too

A lady left her house for an hour to stand in a postage stamp queue. When she returned she found a police car in the kitchen, where a court bailiff was interviewing a deputation of squatters. In the dining-room, three families were sub-letting a corner of the room to some latecomers who were using eviction orders to light a fire. Two local tradesmen who were trying to deliver goods were allotted space in the drawing-room, where a Communist meeting was being addressed by a strikers. As the lady crossed the threshold of her house, she was told there was no room, but a milkman offered to get her into a house over the way, after dark, while the owners were out at a film.

Cheese Made Of Gai.
Nobody need be surprised at the announcement that clothes may soon be made of petrol. Are they not already made of glass, tree-bark, and vegetable refuse? As food is also made to eat your cake and wear it, run your motor-car with it, and probably generate your own electricity from it. At a time when anything can be made

from anything, nothing need be anything in particular.

Dr. Rhubarb's Corner

"E.P.H." writes: I think I am turning into a seal. I either, my skin seems to be wet, and I am quite bald. What can I do?

Dr. Rhubarb says: Get your wife to throw fish across the room, and try to catch it in your mouth. By the way, are you black yet?

Mr. Sldney H. writes: Every time my wife sees a mouse, she jumps on to the table, stays there, sometimes refusing to come down for hours. What can I do?

Dr. Rhubarb replies: Put the mouse on the table, sir. That will get your wife down on to the floor.

Way Out

The suggestion that all the problems before the United Nations should be settled by a series of world-wide Gallup polls means considerable preliminary organization. The 1,378,146 poll officials and their interpreters must have a central bureau, and the present intention is that they should take over an entire city as their headquarters. The fact that there is no word for "No" in Korean is being made the subject of a strong demarcation of the Western Powers by M. Kpocket, the naked delegate from the Tundras. He is being supported by the entire Suastan delegation, each of whom has a vote, as representing a separate tribe.

What On Earth?

A man went into a hatters' shop and ordered a hat. "I

YES, BUT WHY NYLONS?

He was a Harvard University man, a specialist in organic chemistry; his name, William Carothers.

Dupont Chemical Corporation sent for Carothers, told him they had conceived a "Big Idea." They invited him to set up a research laboratory. They gave him a dozen assistants. Carothers started doing things with coal, nitrogen, tar, ammonia, and air. In the end he produced a single thread of sheer "Silk." That was little more than ten years ago.

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After "setting" three threads are twisted, and baked to retain the twist. Sets of knitting-machine needles costing anything from \$1,000 to \$2,500 a set, then get busy turning the twisted threads into sheer "silk" stockings.

So they put 5,000,000 pairs of the new hosiery on the market at a dollar a pair. More than 4,000,000 pairs sold in the first day, with each pair the makers included a guarantee that the stockings could be worn, soiled with wear, taken off, dipped in warm water, wrapped in a dry towel for a few months, only then put on again immediately, as fresh, as good as new. They were right.

When a Big Business executive weighed up its vast possibilities and recalled the severe headaches America had suffered from Far Eastern cut-price competition in the trade, he exploded in a note of triumph: "Now You Lousy Old Nipponese!"

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VISAS ABOLISHED

London, Dec. 25. Visas between Britain and France are abolished as from Jan. 1, 1947, the Foreign Office announced today.

This follows the exchange of notes between the British and French Governments.

The agreement applies to travel to Britain and northern Ireland, and metropolitan France and Algeria but excludes overseas territories of either country.—Reuter.

ADVANCED THOUGHT

Mrs. Wretch, M.P., suggested at Popesford yesterday that divorce could be still further speeded up if copies of divorce decrees made absolute were supplied to each bride and bridegroom on their marriage by the officiating clergyman.

STANDARD SCOUTS?

Paris, Dec. 25. Scout patrol leaders from France, Britain, Belgium, Switzerland, Luxembourg, and Denmark are meeting tomorrow at St. Germain-en-Laye, near Paris, to discuss the standardization of scout uniform, equipment and signalling methods.

The patrol leaders, who number more than 1,000, will live in a military camp placed at their disposal by General Jean de Latre de Tassigny, French Chief of General Staff. They will stay until Dec. 31.—Reuter.

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THREE S'HAH PLANES CRASH Few Expected To Survive Triple Air Disaster Christmas Night Tragedy

Shanghai, Dec. 26. Christmas night in Shanghai was marred by the greatest air disaster in Chinese aviation history when three air liners—two belonging to the Sino-American concern China National Aviation Corporation and the other to the State-owned Central Air Transport Corporation—crashed, with a death toll of at least 62 passengers and air crews, in attempting to land in the fog enshrouded airfield.

Among the 12 injured, a few are now expected to survive. All three planes were coming from Chungking and carrying a reported total of 68 passengers and nine crewmen.

Some reports place the dead at 76.

The two CNAC planes, a C-47 and a C-48, numbered 140 and 115 respectively, crashed outside Lungwa airfield in the southern suburb of Shanghai after their gasoline supply had run out.

The CATC plane, number 48, with still one hour's fuel reserve, plunged into a farmhouse north of Kiangwan airfield, in a northeast suburb, after shooting under a 100-weather ceiling in a rooftop approach.

The pilots of both CNAC planes were American, Captain J.M. Greenwood, of 140 and Captain Preus of 115, while a Chinese, Tommy Wing, was in charge of the CATC machine.

The fate of the Americans is still uncertain although unconfirmed reports say that Captain Greenwood was killed and Preus seriously injured. Tommy Wing perished with all eleven occupants of his plane, including nine passengers.

Dense Fog
The two CNAC planes carried a total of 60 passengers, with six crewmen.

Altogether 13 planes converged on Shanghai last night, carrying more than a hundred passengers eager to spend Christmas here. Dense fog, however, enveloped the entire area as far back as Nanking. Eight planes managed to land safely.

The first plane to crash was the CATC C-47. It slipped Nanking, because of bad weather conditions, and tried to land at Kiangwan. In zero visibility it overshot the landing strip and crashed into a farmhouse. The impact crushed the farm-

house, killing the mother and injuring three of her children.

The second mishap took place two hours later when the plane 140 crashed at Lungwa airfield, after futile efforts to blind-land by instruments at Kiangwan.

Circled For Three Hours
The second CNAC airliner reached Shanghai at 5:30 p.m. local time and circled for about three and a half hours over Kiangwan, seeking to land by instruments.

For reasons unknown it left Kiangwan field for Lungwa, attempting to land there. Failing to come out of a circle it crashed about a mile southwest of the field.

All Shanghai commercial air departures were cancelled temporarily as a result of the crashes and weather conditions. CNAC, in a statement today, explained that their ill-fated planes were from Chungking. When they took off from Wuchang, opposite Hankow, the weather in Shanghai and Nanking was suitable for landing, but they ran into dense fog near Nanking.

However, they could not turn back because of the absence of night landing facilities at Wuchang.—Reuter.

Uninjured Baby

Shanghai, Dec. 27. When a CNAC salvage crew lifted the wreckage of the C-46 on Thursday noon, they found a four-year-old, Wong Di-di fast asleep—the only uninjured survivor of the worst air mishaps. "The boy said 'he cried and cried asking for mama but there was no answer,"

LOCHABER 'QUAKE

Inverness, Dec. 25. An earth tremor was felt over a wide area in the Lochaber district of Inverness-shire this evening. It started with a faint rumbling noise, rapidly increasing to a loud roar like a heavy explosion and continued for about seven seconds. People said they felt four distinct jolts, which shook houses and rattled crockery on shelves.—Reuter.

so he went to sleep.—United Press.

70 Dead

Shanghai, Dec. 27. It was officially announced that the triple plane crash toll now was 70 killed and 16 injured.

The only foreigners involved were two American CNAC pilots—Capt. J. M. Greenwood, of Austin, Tex., killed and Capt. Rolf Brandt, of Preus, Minneapolis, who is suffering serious face and other injuries.

The breakdown figures, according to official announcements, were: 58 killed in the crash of a CNAC C-47 and a C-46 plus 13 injured; 11 killed in the CATC C-47 crash; one killed and three injured in the farmhouse which was crushed by the grass-cutting crashing of the CATC transport.

Scores of people who have relatives on the ill-fated planes and who were expecting their family members from Chungking yesterday thronged the funeral parlours where bodies were laid out for identification. One father fainted when he found that his wife, two daughters and two servants—his whole family—were dead.

A Chinese report said that Greenwood's wife was leaving the United States by plane for Shanghai on Thursday to join her husband. It was not known if she had left.

Company spokesmen emphatically denied reports that the pilots disobeyed orders to ground the planes and had rushed to Shanghai to spend Christmas here.

The spokesmen said the planes left Chungking with an intermediary stop at Wuchang when the weather was unfavourable. Fog developed unexpectedly later in the afternoon, causing difficulty in landing.

They said the companies will pay CN\$1,000,000 to each dead passenger's family plus a compensation to the survivors according to the varying degree of injury.—United Press.

RIO DE JANEIRO AIR CRASH

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 24. Crash squads tonight were still hacking at the wreckage—buried in tangled undergrowth—of the London-Buenos Aires airliner which crashed in the thickly wooded mountain range, 14 miles from here, causing the death of 20 of its passengers and crew.

Among the victims was Dr. Arturo Razio, Argentine Minister at Lisbon, and Mrs. Dorothy Norma Pearce, 38-year-old British pioneer woman air ace.

Henrique Lacrois, one of the only two passengers brought from the wreckage alive, died in hospital today and the condition of the only survivor, Claudio Mendoza de Lima, Peru, was stated here tonight to be "extremely critical."

The crash, which took place in a heavy mist, is the worst foreign plane disaster ever recorded in Brazil.

It was revealed today that the last signal from the plane was heard yesterday morning when it was approaching Galeao airport, normal port for international traffic. Owing to bad conditions, it is believed that the captain, British-born Derek Norman Jones, tried to make for the military airport of Campos de Affonso. In doing so he had to cross the mist-shrouded Tijuca range.

Pearse Killed

Altogether six Britons were killed in the crash, including Mrs. Pearce and her husband, Richard Pearce, formerly a Squadron-leader in the RAF. Mrs. Pearce was the first woman to receive a technical appointment in civil aviation when she joined the Air Registration Board in London in 1938. She was also the founder of a company giving "joy rides" to thousands of holiday makers and has held office as engineer in charge of a fleet of aircraft for British Empire air displays.

Some 90 persons were reported dead in previous air crashes this month. One of the most serious was also in South America—crash of a De Havilland plane at Sao Paulo, Brazil, on Dec. 11, when eight passengers were killed.

The casualty list, issued by the Argentine Embassy in Rio de Janeiro gave the names of the two passengers who got on the plane at Lisbon as P. Arrozarena and Maria Arrozarena, making up the list of 21 passengers and crew.

The name of a passenger previously shown as Baradof was given in this list as Edgardo Bosdora and two passengers named as Quaglia were fully described as Giovanni Quaglia and Marina Quaglia.—Reuter.

CHRISTMAS ROAD TOLL

New York, Dec. 26. A survey today showed that the Christmas holiday was marred by the violent death of at least 301 persons across the United States. Accidents on crowded streets and highways accounted for 220 deaths.

Highway traffic was reported the heaviest for the Christmas holiday on record.

The survey showed at least 81 people killed in miscellaneous accidents, fires and shootings.—United Press.

PERCIVAL'S SINGAPORE DESPATCHES

London, Dec. 24.

Lieut.-General A. E. Percival, Officer Commanding in Malaya at the time of the fall of Singapore, stated today that he had received an assurance that his despatch on the campaign, which he submitted to the War Minister on April 25, would be published.

He had requested that the true facts as presented in it should be made public.

General Percival gave these facts in a letter to the Daily Telegraph. He added that the despatch was factual and comprehensive and was a tale, neither of "complacency, mismanagement, and self-deception nor of utter tragedy in execution."

If it was so, he said, it would be a great injustice both to the leaders and to many brave men who fought in the campaign.

"It is rather an objective story of the war in Malaya from every angle, with a full exposition of the various problems which arose and the reasons for the decisions taken," he declared.

"I make bold to think that it points to lessons which are

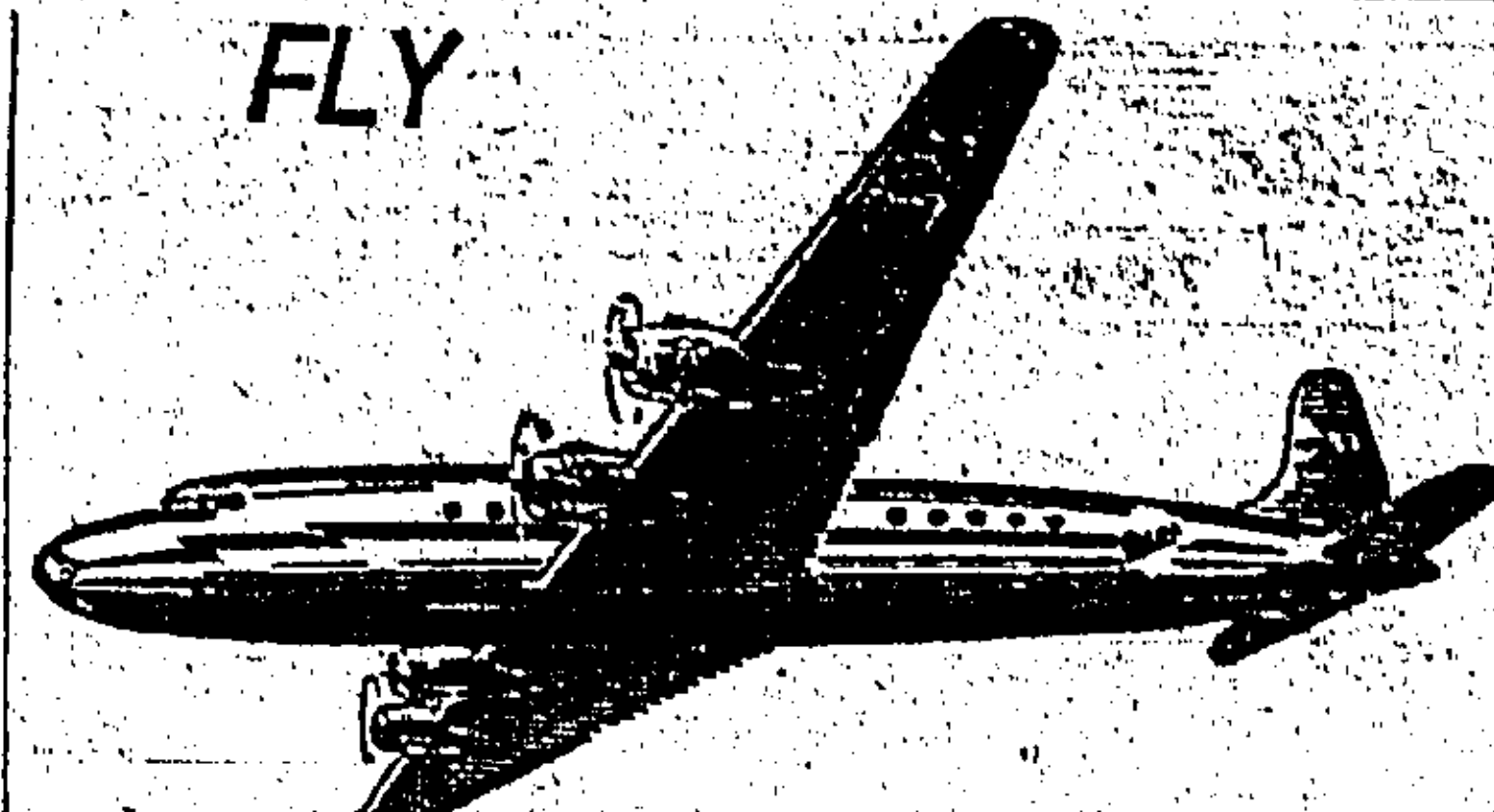
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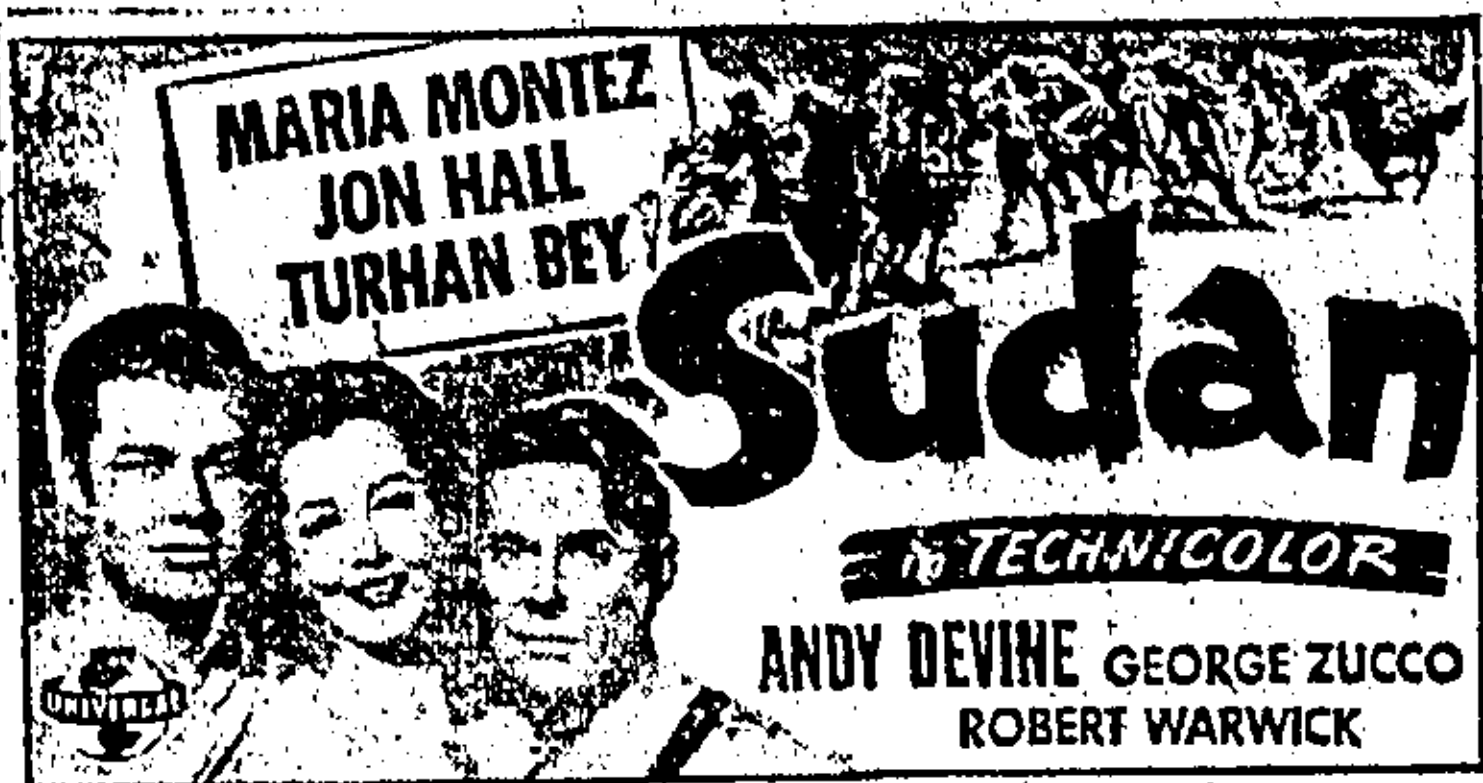
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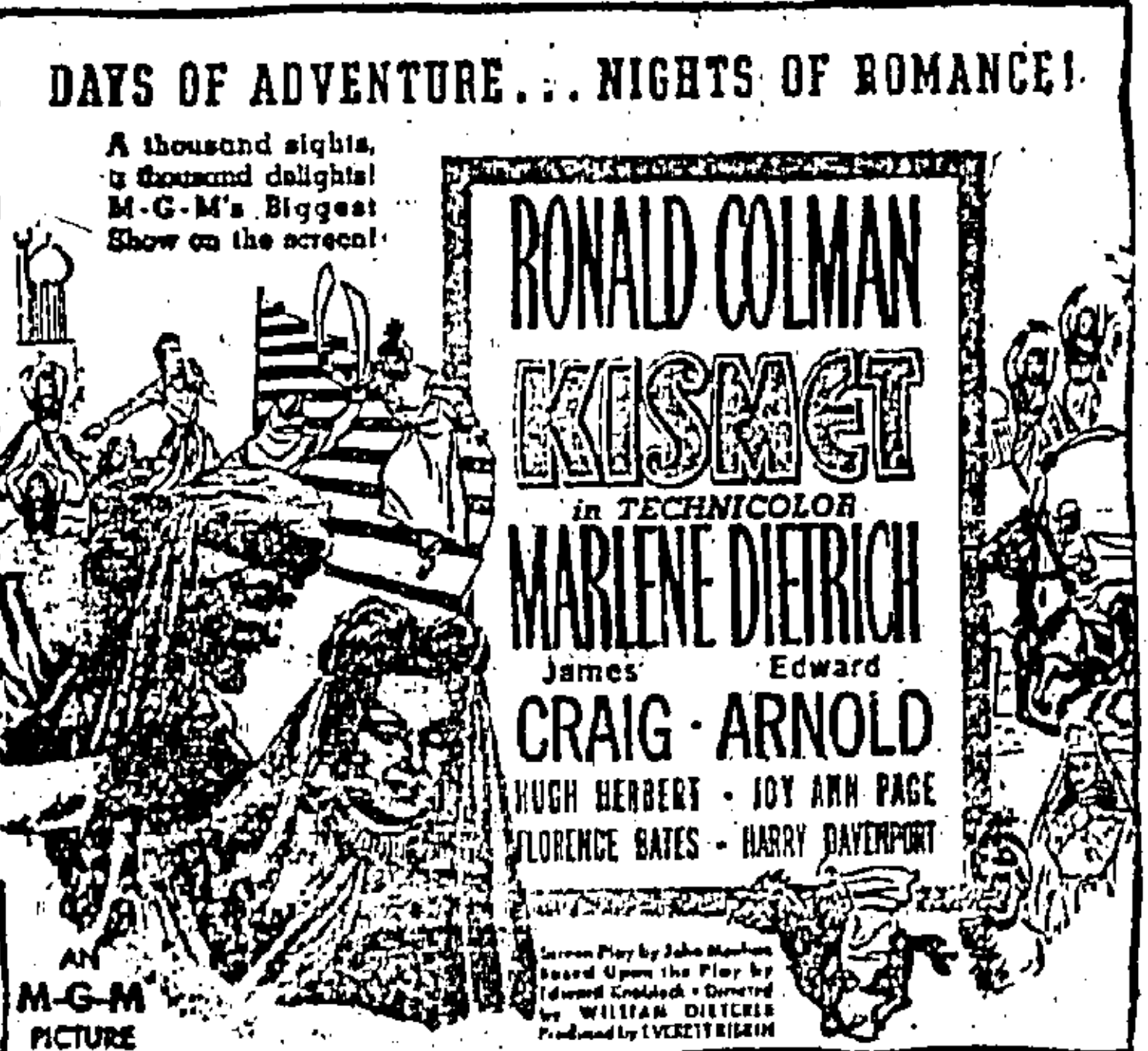
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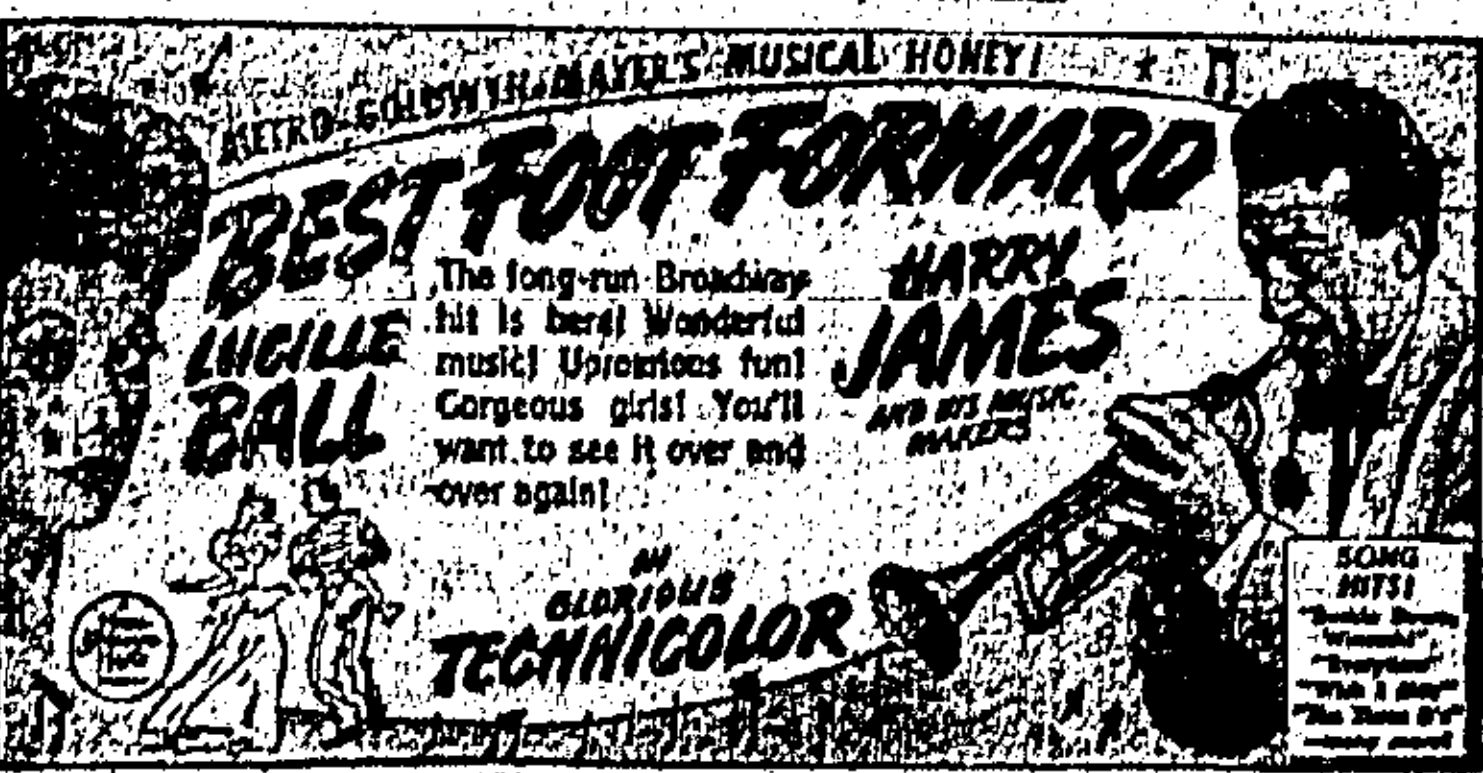
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KING'S XMAS DAY MESSAGE

London, Dec. 25.

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"To each member of that family, young and old, composed of so many races and dwelling in so many climes, we send our heartfelt and affectionate greetings."

"Wherever you are and whatever your circumstances, our prayer is that this Christmastide will bring you peace and blessing. Christmas comes to cheer our hearts and to revive our faith and courage as the old year dies and the new year is born."

"The year that is passing has not been easy. Statesmen and politicians have been burdened with the resettlement of a world that has been shattered and ruined by a global war."

"In office, shop and warehouse, and in farm, men of all classes have been troubled and harassed by shortages and economic dislocation that always follow in its wake. All of us instead of getting some well earned relaxation after years of intensive work have had to put our shoulders to the wheels of industry and agriculture with redoubled vigour."

Showing The Way

"Men and women have returned from wartime service to conditions that are only slowly improving from wartime austerity, while the housewife—perhaps the most gallant figure of all—still bears many of the extra burdens which she bore so bravely throughout the war."

"With all these trials to be

faced, I am indeed proud that you are able to maintain that energy and cheerfulness—that courage—which this difficult time demands of us all."

"We cannot expect the world so grievously wounded to recover quickly, but its convalescence can certainly be hastened by our continued endurance and goodwill."

"We showed the way when bombs were falling. By our discipline, our endurance and our patience, we can show the way again. In his own good time, God will lead our feet into the ways of peace."

"Though days may be difficult, let us not forget how much we have to be thankful for. We have survived the greatest upheaval in human history. Our hard-won liberties and our democratic institutions are unimpaired. Our Commonwealth and Empire, though subject to changes that time must bring, has not been disrupted by the stress and peril of war. We are celebrating Christmas as free men and in peace."

The Big Things

"Christmas is the season, in which we count our mercies. Though there are many little things lacking that can add colour and variety to life, big things for so many of us have come back—big things which we longed for in the blitz, in desert and in lonely places of sea or jungle. We are back most of us

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XMAS GREETINGS

London, Dec. 26.

Field-Marshal Montgomery, Chief of Imperial General-Staff, in a Christmas message to the British Army, says: "I would like to extend this Christmas greeting to all soldiers from the Dominions and colonies, and from India who fought in this war in the armies of the Commonwealth."

"None of us will ever forget the spirit of comradeship and unselfishness that carried us through the difficult times and enabled us to triumph in the end."—Reuter.

with those we love. Guns have ceased to kill and bombs have ceased to fall.

"And though clouds are still dark, there is light behind them. Better days lie ahead. Let us not concentrate too much on the difficulties of the present—they will pass—nor on memories of unhappy experiences which all of us have had. Let us rather think of possibilities that the future may hold for us."

"Our task today is to mobilise the Christmas spirit and apply its power and healing to our daily life. The devastation and suffering everywhere and specially in stricken Europe must move the hearts of all of us but reconstruction so urgently needed everywhere is as much spiritual as material."

"It is necessary not merely to feed the hungry people and to rebuild the ruined cities but also to restore the very soul of civilisation."

Brighter Promises

"We cannot all think alike amid the dilemmas of a changing world. Nor is it right that we should. Opinion striking against opinion ignites the spark that can kindle the lamp of truth."

"But if our feet are on the road of common charity that

Truman's Xmas Eve Broadcast

Washington, Dec. 24.

"We have made a good start towards peace in the world. Ahead of us lies the larger task of making the peace secure. All is not in harmony in the world today," said President Harry Truman, in a Christmas broadcast to the nation tonight.

He added, "We have found it is easier for men to die together in the field of battle than it is for them to live together at home in peace. But those who have died have died in vain if in some measure for peace that spiritual unity in which we won the war."

"The problems facing the United Nations—the world's hope for peace—overwhelm faint hearts. But as we continue to labour for an enduring peace throughout that great organisation, we must remember that the world was not created in a day."

"We shall find strength and courage this Christmas because so brave a beginning has been made."—Reuter.

leads to ultimate truth, our differences will never destroy our underlying unity and our disputes will not leave us either embittered or unkind."

"If the coming year has its uncertainties it has also its promises. By God's help and by our own endeavours, let us make these brighter promises come true."

"My dear people, I wish you well. May the New Year be full of blessing for each one of you. Welcome it when it comes with hope and courage and greet the unseen with a cheer."—Reuter.

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Hutton Gets His Thousand

Canberra, Dec. 27. The M.C.C. cricketers indulged in useful batting practice for the third Test when compiling 465 for eight wickets on the first day of a two-day fixture with a Country Districts XI here.

Len Hutton and Cyril Washbrook, the opening pair, each hit a century off weak bowling and figured in an opening stand of 254, highest of the tour to date.

Hutton, who made 133 in two and a half hours, completed his thousand runs for the tour—the first player to accomplish this feat. Washbrook had two lucky escapes in scoring 116 in just under three and a half hours.

After Laurie Fishlock had been dismissed for 11, Denis Compton and Walter Hammond came to bat and the three bowlers, Compton often jumped down the wicket, and hit 12 boundaries in a breezy 75 while Hammond included two magnificent sixes in his 42. They put on 118 for the fourth wicket but when the local team parted their wickets fell quickly, mainly because of the hitting out policy, though Bennett managed to get two leg-before victims late in the day.

M.C.C.
L. Hutton, c. Hauragin, b. Johnston 133
C. Washbrook, c. Potts, b. Patterson 116
L. E. Fishlock, c. substitute, b. Patterson 11
W. R. Hammond, c. Patterson, b. Stevens 42
D. Compton, c. Hanson, b. Stevens 76
J. T. Ikin, lbw, b. Bennett 35
A. V. Bedser, not out 1
J. Langeridge, run out 15
T. G. Evans, lbw, b. Bennett 8
T. Smith, not out 23
Extras 23
Total (for eight) 465
R. Pollard did not bat.
Bowling: Bennett two for 50, Patterson two for 100, Johnston one for 105 and Stevens two for 35.—Reuter.

Home Rugger

London, Dec. 25. Rugby football games played today.

Rugby Union: Llanelli 27 Universities Athletic Union 11; Neath 38 London Welsh 8; Swansea 17 Watsonsians 8; Edinburgh Academical Wanderers 17 London Scottish 3; Glasgow University 0 Glasgow High School Former Pupils 0; Maesteg 12 Aberavon 0; Kelvinside West 11 Glasgow Academicals 14.

Rugby League: Barrow 0 Workington Town 16; Bellevue Rangers 22 Rochdale Hornets 6; Castleford 6 Wakefield Trinity 0; Huddersfield 5 Halifax 16; Hull 9 Kingston Rovers 5; Leigh 23 Bramley 2; Oldham 14 Swinton 0; Widnes 7 Warrington 3; Wigan 24 Salford 0; York 0 Hunslet 0.

Boxing Day matches:—Rugby Union: Blackheath 11 Racing Club de France 0; Rosslyn Park 41 Public Schools 3; Aberavon 0 Neath 10; Bath 12 Old Blues 8; Bristol 3; Pontypool 11; Cardiff 14; Walsley 3; Gloucester 6 Old Merchant Tay.

WOLVES' GREAT DOUBLE Well Ahead In First Division

London, Dec. 26. Amid the holiday soccer programme, Wolverhampton Wanderers, rated by some of their supporters as the best teams for years, stand supreme at the top of the First Division, four points in front of Liverpool, their nearest rivals.

A great crowd of 50,000 at Molineux today saw the Wolves complete the double over Sunderland, but it was a near thing today as the home side were a goal in arrears five minutes from time. Then King equalised and with only seconds remaining for play, the halfback, Galley, got the deciding goal.

In the North and West players had very trying conditions to contend with, having to struggle against wind and rain. A downpour of tropical intensity washed away the pitch markings at Cardiff and five minutes from half-time the referee called the game off.

Among several last-minute valuable scores was a header by Mortensen for Blackpool in a game played in a sea of mud. Those playing in the South were more fortunate with weather conditions.

Portsmouth's largest crowd of the season, totalling 38,000, watched Arsenal climb further up the League ladder at their expense.

One of the most disappointed onlookers was Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, who is President of Portsmouth, and, until today, had not seen his team beaten during the two years that he held the post.

Villa Slip Up
Doherty is not yet a Huddersfield player. While a big crowd expected the Irish international to turn out for the Yorkshire team, he played for Derby, where he gave a brilliant display and scored two of their goals.

Huddersfield managed to gain a narrow but valuable win over Aston Villa and have taken three of four points from them during the holiday games. Newcastle slipped badly in the Second Division during the holiday, losing twice to West Bromwich, and Birmingham are now leaders in this division.

Cardiff and Doncaster remain unchanged at the top of their respective Third Divisions. Although conditions were bad, games generally were good, the aggregate for 44 League matches being just over a million.

Results of League games were:
Lors 3, Huddersfield 20; Manchester 3, Leicester 32; Birkenhead Park 5, Llanelli 9; London Welsh 0, Newport 10; Watsonsians 0, Northampton 3; Universities Athletic Union 3; Birmingham 0, Swansea 3; Universites Athletic Union 3.

Rugby League: Batley 12 Dewsbury 14; Bradford Northern 16; Keighley 8; Bramley 7; Leigh 4; Featherstone Rovers 4; Castleford 12; Halifax 5; Huddersfield 14; Hunslet 9; Hull Kingston Rovers 11; York 9; Rochdale Hornets 0; Bellevue Rangers 4; Salford 6; Oldham 14; St. Helens 9; Wigan 11; Swinton 2; Widnes 3; Wakefield Trinity 0; Leeds 24; Warrington 25; Liverpool Stanley 6; Workington Town 11; Barrow 9.—Reuter.

DAVIS CUP GOES TO AMERICA

Melbourne, Dec. 27. The United States who, the previous day, had won the first two singles matches, today made certain of regaining possession of the Davis Cup by winning the doubles.

Results of the first three encounters were:—Ted Schroeder beat John Bromwich 3-6, 6-1, 6-2, 0-6, 6-3; Jack Kramer beat Dinny Pails 6-0, 6-2, 3-7; Kramer and Schroeder beat Bromwich and Adrian Quist 6-2, 7-5, 6-4.

History thus repeated itself for the second time as a two-man American team retrieved the big trophy, symbolic of world tennis supremacy from the Aussies in three straight victories.

"Big Bill" Tilden and Little Bill" Omonster turned the same trick in 1920.

If anything the two stars from the Americas gave the crowd an even more convincing exhibition than they did in winning the singles matches yesterday.

The magnificent services of the Americans gave the Aussies little chance to hold their own. Bromwich and Quist for several years before the war were one of the world's slickest doubles teams but they never quite reappeared their old form today. They took turns playing clever tennis for short periods but never got together.—Associated Press.

Two-Day Regatta At Week-End

The 2-day Regatta at Kellert Island this weekend will consist of the following events:
Ladies Race:—This will be held at 10.10 a.m. today. All entries so far received have been accepted and further entries can be taken at Kellert Island up to 10 a.m.

Individual Sweepstake Race:—This will be held at 10.15 a.m. Entries for this can be accepted up to 10 a.m. at the Club house.

Whalers' pulling race:—Owing to the exceptionally large number of entries the first four heats of the whaler rowing were held on Friday. The first four boats in each heat go into semi-finals at 10.15 and 10.45 today and the first 4 boats in each semi-final will compete in the final race at 11.45.

Star class series:—Owing to the number of entries it will be necessary to hold 4 heats and a final. The first 2 boats from heats 1, 3 and 4 and the winning boat in heat 2 will take part in the final. Details from the draw for heats and times of starting are as follows:

Heat 1 Start 10 a.m.:—Saller, Vernon, Dordick, Owens, Wilkinson, Franks & Stanning. Heat 11 noon:—Puttick, Pratt, Andrews, Aylen, Meek. Heat 111, 2.30 p.m.:—Hones, McLeod, Lapper, Thomson, Howard, G. Gardner, Walton K. Heat 1V, Sunday 10.15 a.m.:—Walton A, Sedgewick, Chidell, Furlong, Wheeler, Coote Snr., Couchman.

Cup race in 14-ft. dinghies:—8 teams of 6 boats will compete for the R.N.S.A. trophy. All the dinghies have been divided into four groups, and details of the draw are as follows. Each group will have a racing flag of its group colour on 2 p.m. The first heat will start at 2 p.m. and the final which will consist of the first 2 from each heat, will start 2.20 p.m. on Sunday.

All boats in each team count towards the team score. The first boat scores 24 and so on downwards, the team winning the highest score being the winning team. In the event of two teams obtaining the same number of points, the team with the highest placed boats wins.

Dinghy Draw:
Heat I Commandos (Red), Royal Air Force (Yellow), Civilian (Blue), Navy II (Green), Heat II Navy I (Blue), Civilian (Red), Army (Yellow), Tamar (Red), Army (Yellow), Dinghy Group (Blue), Blue Green, Black, Concock.

Blue, Belfast, Bermuda I, Red Tyne II, Nabcatcher, Adamant V.

PORTUGAL WIN CUP MATCH

Portugal beat Scotland by 4-2 in the first round of the International Charity Cup at the Club ground on Christmas Day.

Winning the toss Scotland had the advantage of a slight breeze and started to attack straight away. The game swung from end to end at a fast pace.

After ten minutes play Humble put Scotland ahead with a grand shot from a centre by Winters. Portugal were soon level when Pacheco scored with a well placed free kick. Portugal were now playing very well together and Manuel had several difficult shots to deal with. Alamos put Portugal in front with a lovely shot into the top corner of the net.

After the interval Scotland tried hard to get on equal terms and eventually succeeded through Winters. The play, which up till then had been very scrappy, livened up and both goal-keepers made good clearances.

Gosano split the Scotland defence wide open with a well placed ball and Pacheco netted easily.

Ordered Off
Humble was hurt just before this and a very sporting game was marred when Sinclair was ordered off for arguing with the referee.

Carvalho completed the scoring for Portugal just before the end. Gosano was the brains of the Portugal attack while Lo and Castilho played very well in defence. For Scotland the outstanding player was Anderson, who played a fine game throughout. Humble, Mullen and Burns all worked very hard. Manuel was very sound in goal and with more practice will do well.

Teams:—Portugal: Reis, Lo, Ramon, Colacao, Alex Airosa, Castilho, Pacheco, Gomes, Carvalho, and Albert Airosa. Scotland: Manuel, Sinclair, Soutar, Haig, Anderson, Burns, Heggie, Humble, Mullen, Ferrier and Winters.

China Win
China beat England by three clear goals at Caroling Hill on Boxing Day in the International Charity Cup semi-final. Lal Shui-wing, Chan Kam-hoi and Lee Wai-long scored the goals.

The game was featured by a good display of goalkeeping by Powell.

Today's Games
The following are today's games at Sookunpo:—Navy "A" v Club "A" at 3 p.m. 3 Cdo. Bde. v Rest of Colony at 4 p.m.

AMBASSADOR RETURNS
London, Dec. 25. The British Ambassador to Spain, Sir Victor Mallet, arrived from Madrid today aboard a special British Overseas Airways Corporation plane.

Sir Victor is being withdrawn in compliance with the decision of the United Nations Assembly to withdraw envoys from Spain.—Reuter.

YUGOSLAVS HAVE THE GEN BUT KEEP MUM
Belgrade, Dec. 24. The Yugoslav Government has "important material" in its possession about the four British soldiers at present detained in Yugoslavia, but "does not wish to cause further bitterness in British-Yugoslav relations by publishing it at this time," according to an official Yugoslav source today.

A spokesman added, however, that the Yugoslav Foreign Office is preparing a full statement on the case, which is to be made public shortly. All four soldiers are presumed to be members of the British troops in the Occupation force in Austria. They were arrested on varying dates between Aug. 14 and Sept. 11 allegedly on territory inside the Yugoslav frontier while making purchases.—Reuter.

screen is still the greatest medium for spreading understanding that history has ever known. You have to remember that people are not patriotic about films; they want the best. If it is a bad film you cannot make them go and see it.—Reuter.

Pope Says Europe In Danger Of New War
Vatican City, Dec. 25. Pope Pius XII declared Europe is in danger of "the flames of new conflicts" and appealed to the world's statesmen to speedily achieve peace to "save the world from incalculable shocks and disorders."

In a Christmas Eve address the Pope said "the Atlantic Charter in some countries seems to be a counterfeit of what its promulgators intended."

Without mentioning the atom bomb specifically he said "the might of new instruments of destruction has brought the problem of disarmament into the centre of international discussions under completely new aspects and provides an incentive threat never felt before."

The Pope asked the world's statesmen to "let the new year see the peace of reality."

He urged them to:—1—Remove "the dangerous international tensions" and direct all their energies toward "putting an end to the present intolerable state and hasten as soon as possible the coming of a definite peace among all states."

2—Apply "all forces of your mind and will to give to your work of peace the seal of true justice and far seeing wisdom."

CIVIL SERVICE CLUB
News that efforts are being made to revive the Hong Kong Civil Service Cricket Club is welcome and provides evidence of a further step in the direction of getting back to normal.

The Club has arranged a meeting of former members and interested officers eligible for membership in the Urban Council Chamber at 6.30 p.m. on Monday. His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Blackall, K.C., will preside at the meeting.

RUGGER TEAM
The following have been selected to play Rugby for 3 Cdo. Bde. v Rest of the Colony today at 4 p.m. at Sookunpo:—Bussell, Stanley, Foley, Burton and Sgt. Drayton, Acton and Mills, Gaddard, Teohurst, Absalom, England, Guest, Scott, Curtis and Pounds.

Reserves
Baker, Thompson, Gray.

DOCKYARD XI.
The Dockyard F.C. Team which meets Hq. Land Forces today will consist of:—White, Anstis, Colegate, Stewark, Hamby, Evans, Laherwood, Stevens, Ritchie, Trout and Gallagher.

Smuggled Girl On Board

Pittsburgh, Dec. 26. A story of how he bested a ship's crew in a game of "hide and seek" with a girl he had smuggled aboard his vessel in Belgium was told in federal court by William Paul Hogart, 22-year-old sailor.

When he was through relating the tale, federal judge R. M. Gibson fined him \$200 and placed him on probation for two years on a charge of violating the immigration law.

"I did it because I had been drinking," Hogart said when asked to explain why he took the girl on board. "When I sobered up I was afraid to tell she was aboard ship."

He said he hid the girl, Maria Louise Schroyens, in his quarters and during inspections secreted her under his bunk. When the vessel docked at New Orleans, he let her down the side of the boat on a rope ladder and rowed her ashore in a rowboat.

After two weeks in New Orleans they went to Uniontown, Pa., in a bus and then to Baltimore where the couple parted. The girl is now in custody for deportation.—United Press.

Party In "Belfast"

A successful Christmas party was given yesterday on board H.M.S. Belfast when officers and crew dropped their naval rank and became "Uncles" to the many children.

The ship was gaily decorated for the occasion with flags and balloons. First on the programme were two film shows (Donald Duck & Super Mouse), followed by tea and the appearance of Santa Claus (Capt. Ellison), who distributed bags of sweets.

After tea each child was adopted by an "Uncle" and taken to see the many side-shows. While the children were playing on the swings ice cream was served.

Helping to look after the children were Lady Boyd and Miss E. Boyd, Mrs. Garnett and Mrs. Davis.

The party was under the supervision of Lieut. Asquith. The C-in-C's band was in attendance.

Lifeboatmen Had A Busy Christmas

London, Dec. 26. The bravery of sailors who spent Christmas-tide battling with the seas around the shores of Britain was related tonight.

Lifeboatmen at Walmers, in 283-ton coaster Anastasia, which left Barrow on Christmas eve for Killeek, in Northern Ireland. She sprang a leak at noon on Christmas Day and although distress signals were sent out and everything possible was done, they failed to attract attention.

The vessel ran aground and is regarded as a total loss. The 37-ton yawl Nebula, which ran aground one mile off Middleton Point, near Littlehampton, on the south coast, on Christmas morning, has not yet been refloated.—Reuter.

RADIO
SATURDAY, DEC. 28, 1946
2.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.15 p.m.—The Mills Brothers & the Millie Heath Trio.
1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.15 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.15 p.m.—Harry Lauder's Songs.
1.30 p.m.—Popular Light Classics.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
2.30 p.m.—Variety.
4.00 p.m.—Commentary from Australia on Today's Play in the Lawns.
4.15 p.m.—Contest for the Davis Cup.
4.45 p.m.—Variety (Continued).
7.00 p.m.—London Radio News.
7.15 p.m.—Studies "See Two" Soccer Commentary.
7.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
7.30 p.m.—Studio "Till I Remember".
New Long Calling-I.A.S. Sick Leavees, Knowlton.
8.45 p.m.—London "Relax" Via Oliver Intercom.
8.50 p.m.—Studio "Till I Remember".
9.00 p.m.—"Mariana" vs. Vincent Wallace's Popular Light Operas.
9.15 p.m.—Studio "Till I Remember".
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